and effective measures on the ground to counter terrorist activity aided and abetted by Pakistan. Government are also regularly apprising foreign Governments of Pakistan's active involvement in infiltrating men and material for promoting terrorism in Kashmir. The Government is confident that the externally supported terrorist menace in Kashmir has been contained and of success in its efforts to bring about progressive improvement and normalization of the situation.

निर्यातों के संवर्धन हेतु विदेशों में प्रचार

7677. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय निर्यातकों को वाणिज्यिक सूचना प्रदान करने और विदेशों में भारतीय निर्यात के संवर्धन हेतु विदेशों स्थित भारतीय मिशनों को प्रोत्साहित किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं अथवा उठाये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और अब तक इसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं; और;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों में वर्ष-वार और मद-वार विदेशों में प्रचार पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गयी है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) और (ख) भारतीय निर्यातकों को वाणिज्यिक सूचना देना और भारतीय निर्यात का संवर्धन करना विदेश स्थित हमारे मिशनों का एक प्रमुख काम है। वे व्यवसायियों के बीच परिचय, व्यापार विवादों के समाधान, वाणिज्यिक प्रचार और व्यापार सूचना, वाणिज्यिक तथा आर्थिक स्थिति के बारे में नियमित खबरों, बाजार सर्वेक्षण आदि में भी सहायता करते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त वे प्रदर्शनियों, मेलों, संगोष्ठियों, क्रेता-विक्रेता की बैठकों, संयुक्त आयोग की बैठकों के आयोजन और दोनों और के व्यवसायी प्रतिनिधिमंडलों को सहायता देने में सहयोग करते हैं।

विदेशों में भारत व्यापार संबंध सुधारने के लिए उपयुक्त नीतियां मिशनों में वाणिज्यिक कार्यकलापों की सावधिक रूप से समीक्षा करके तैयार की जाती है। वाणिज्यिक विषयों का काम देखने वाले कार्मिकों के लिए भारत में विशेष प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए गए हैं और कई वाणिज्यिक खण्डों में कम्प्यूटर के प्रयोग से दक्षता बढ़ी है।

(ग) प्रत्येक मिशन को समूचे बजट की कतिपय राशि एकीकृत प्रचार खर्च के लिए आबंटित की जाती है। वाणिज्यिक प्रचार के लिए अलग से कोई प्रावधान नहीं है।

Military Cooperation with US

7678. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to the United States, India has accepted in principle the US Suggestion for a military cooperation to build mutual confidence; and

(b) if so, the details of the understanding reached and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) It has been agreed in principle to broaden and increase the pace of the ongoing programme of indo-US military to military cooperation which includes annual exchange of high level visit of military officials, exchange of professional information, participation in military seminars, observation of exercises and Joint exercises.

US Ambassador's Statement on India's Permanent Membership in Security Council

7679. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the US Ambassador-

designate to India has said that India's inclusion for permanent membership of the Security Council would "undermine the cohesion" of the World body; and

(b) if so, whether Government consider this as a constructive remark?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) During the confirmation hearings in the Near East and South Asia Sub-Committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the US Ambassador-designate to India stated that it would be important to first assess the overall circumstances before looking at further expansion to include important countries other than Germany and Japan. lie further stressed that the need to maintain cohesion of the UN security Council as a functional body would be an important consideration in this regard.

(b) Government have noted these remarks by the US Ambassdor-designate to India. Government have also taken note of President Clinton's response to a question at the joint press conference during Prime Minister's visit, that the US position on other countries participating in the UN Security Council in a capacity similar to that envisaged by the US for Japan and Germany was an issue on which the thought US should keep an open mind.

Assessment About PM's Visit to US

7680. SHRI G.G. SWELL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an assessment has been made of the impact of the Prime Minister's visit to the USA;

(b) how many Senators and Congressmen attended the Joint Session of Congress addressed by the Prime Minister; and

(c) whether the visit received good coverage by the American media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It has been ascertained from Congressional officials that around 100 members of the Congress were in the Chamber in addition to Senior House Staffers who enjoy Floor privileges, members of the US Supreme Court, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and over 100 members of the Diplomatic Corps.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Detention of Indian Workers in Thailand

7681. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been indiscriminate detention of Indian workers in Thailand in the past fortnight, as reported in the Economic Times dated 9 May, 1994;

(b) whether this detention is a part of Thai authorities compaign to weed-out illegal immigrants and whether the Indian community forms a major share; and

(c) whether the Indian Embassy in Bangkok has taken stock of the situation and if so, what steps are being taken to protect Indian workers from inhuman treatment in Thai lock-ups and possible deportation to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Thai immigration authorities mounted a crackdown on illegal immigrants working in Thailand without work permits from the third week of April, 1994. According to Immigration authorities, about 50,000 illegal immigrants are working without work permits from South Asian countries. The illegal immigrants are picked up without any particular country or community being targetted and ordered to be deported.

(c) Out of 1216 Indian nationals arrested, 1115 have already been